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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1713  
**PATENT**  
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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Yasuyuki TANAKA et al.

Application No.: 08/941,132

Group: 1713

Filed: September 30, 1997

Examiner: Zitomer, F.

For: MODIFIED NATURAL RUBBER

**RESPONSE**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 7, 1999, the period for response having been extended three months to June 7, 2000, the following remarks are made in connection with the above-identified application.

**Remarks**

Claims 1-3 and 7-19 are pending. Claims 1-3, 7 and 8 remain withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to nonelected subject matter.